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Winter is just getting started

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Minden Hills was no exception to the awe-inspiring winter storm that hit Southern and Eastern Ontario on Sunday.

Road conditions around the county were poor as roads crews tried to keep up with the 27 centimetres that fell in less than 12 hours.

While traffic was sparse, those who braved the roads didn't help the Minden roads department much, said Kevin Hill, roads superintendent.

"In a perfect world, people who didn't need to be out would stay home," he said in an interview.

Cars on the roads only made keeping them clear more difficult, Hill said, but he noted that Sunday's storm was not nearly as bad as the 21 inches Minden got overnight a few years back.

"We're luckier than in the city," he said, noting his crew doesn't have to worry about streetcar tracks and crowded streets.

Nevertheless, on Sunday he had everyone out on the roads ready for when the snow began drifting from the sky around 9 a.m.

The department's work didn't finish Sunday, though, and

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A day after the big Sunday snowstorm, neighbours at Staunworth Terrace band together to help each other out of the snow. One neighbour helps another jump his car on Monday morning, while others just try to dig a path out of the parking lot. The storm dropped 27 centimetres of snow on Minden within 24 hours.

Warden reflects on how county is doing post-amalgamation

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Algonquin Highlands' reeve Eleanor Harrison was chosen during a special meeting of county council as Haliburton's newest warden.

Following Murray Fearrey as she did when he was warden in 2002, Harrison thanked him for his strong leadership in his ninth term as warden and outlined her own vision for the county.

"I consider the warden to be a team leader," Harrison said in her acceptance speech. "Together Everybody Achieves More."

Harrison's vision of her time as warden includes a review of how the county is doing eight years after amalgamation.

"Now as we approach the 10-year anniversary of amalgamation, maybe it is time for us to do a performance review. We need to know what our accomplishments are and we need to look ahead to the next 10 years to see where we want to be," she said.

Many people filled the council chambers for Harrison's inauguration: former politicians, county staff and Harrison's family.

Her speech depicted Haliburton County as a place of promise but

also as a place full of political roadblocks. Amalgamation created questions of who provides what service, how things are funded and where the money comes from to fund health and social services previously funded by the province.

"Haliburton County seems always to be in no man's land, at the whim of either the provincial or federal government. Sometimes we are grouped with Central Ontario, sometimes we are grouped with Eastern Ontario and very rarely with Northern Ontario," she said.

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Storm dumps 27 cm of snow on roads and driveways

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Monday there was just as much work doing clean up while everyone else scurried around doing the shopping they hadn't done the day before.

Eighty-three-year old Phil Graham has been watching the weather from his home on the Gull River in Minden since 1949. He says, "If I hadn't heard the radio or television, I would have thought it was just a normal snowstorm. When I was a kid we would have loved playing in the snow but I didn't go outside yesterday."

Between 3 a.m. and 10 p.m. on December 16 he recorded 27 cm of snow. The high was only -11°, giving people another reason to stay indoors. The temperature on Monday morning dropped to -17.5°.

Compared to other parts of the country, Minden fared well in the storm.

Toronto reportedly received over 30 centimetres of snow while parts of Quebec got upward of 60 centimetres over the course of Saturday night and Sunday.

Ontario Provincial Police said there were more than 400 collisions reported on Sunday, including 175 in Eastern Ontario from early morning to late afternoon. Visibility on Highway 401 – Ontario's busiest stretch of highway – was down to less than 15 metres in some areas.

So far this December the Haliburton/Muskoka region has seen approximately 85 centimetres of snowfall – a big difference from last year's "green Christmas" and unseasonably warm temperatures.



Cleaning up after the big storm is priority no. 1 for the one who has to keep the parking lot clear. At Staunworth Court this man cheerfully plowed through the snow for the residents.

And according the Weather Network, more of the white stuff may be on the way, with flurries or snow predicted for at least eight of the next 13 days remaining in 2007.

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Reinventing a Christmas tradition

Sara Bornstein and
Kevin Brandt's secret recipe
for Jamaican black cake
puts a Caribbean twist
on the holiday fruit cake

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Harmony Farm's Christmas cake is unlike any other in the county – or perhaps the province. It's a cross between the British Christmas cake and a plum pudding, brought to Haliburton from Jamaica.

Sara Bornstein, co-owner of Harmony Farm, with her husband Kevin Brandt, developed the cake after baking for a wedding in Jamaica.

"I used to spend a lot of time in Jamaica and I happened to make friends with this woman named Mary and she had a wedding to do. She was the woman who made this cake, so I went over and I helped her. We were looking for a Christmas cake recipe and I said, 'This is it. This is different, it's great, it's juicy.' So this is our cake," said Bornstein.

The cake is a take on what the Jamaicans call "black cake," which is used for all kinds of ceremonies, from weddings to holidays.

"Jamaica is a Caribbean country where they have a lot of British influence so this is a cross between the traditional fruit cake and the plum pudding," Bornstein said.

Both Bornstein and Brandt are chefs, originally from Toronto. They decided to move north when the costs of living in the big city became overwhelming. They had a daughter, Mackenzie, and then opened up Harmony Farm about three years ago. The restaurant portion of the business, on Highway 121 south of Kinmount, debuted in May of this year.

It was also three years ago that they began making the special cake. The recipe is secret, but some of the ingredients aren't.

"There is fruit in here, but there's no coloured cherries, there's no additives, there's no preservative in any of the fruit. It's all apricots, figs, dates, currants. What we do is soak them and cook them and it's about a year old. It marinates for about a year in rum and few other secret things," she said.

Since it takes so long to prepare the cake, planning becomes a big part of the process. Last year they made 200 cakes and sold out. This year, they've made about 350 in a range of sizes.

"We started making these about four months ago because you have to bake them and then you soak them, slowly. You just want the essence of the rum and they can keep in a cool dry place for a long time," Bornstein said.

The cake has become so popular that people travel great distances to buy them. One couple comes up especially for the cake each year. "We have a Christmas open house. People came in this year who didn't know we opened the restaurant yet. They said they only come up here for this one show and for the Christmas cake," she said.

The smallest cake, which she suggests is a good centrepiece wrapped in cellophane with a red ribbon, sells for \$4.75. The largest, in a pie plate seven inches across, is \$15. The medium-sized cake is about four inches across and is \$9.75 and comes with the bowl its in.

Harmony Farm also has butterscotch and chocolate cappuccino fudge sauce, both homemade, that work perfectly drizzled overtop. Harmony Farm closes for the winter December 23 and reopens May 2.



Matt James/TIMES

Sara Bornstein discovered the recipe for Jamaican Christmas cake when she was invited to help bake one for a wedding in Jamaica. The recipe has been a secret ever since.

Fill a cruiser with food this week

You can help local OPP officers "Fill a Cruiser with Food" this week.

On Wednesday, December 19, officers will be at the Wilberforce Foodland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. trying to fill a cruiser with food. All donated food will be given to the Wilberforce Outreach Centre.

On Thursday, December 20, officers will be at the Minden Valumart from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then move down to the Minden IGA where they will accept donations until 2 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to the Minden Food Bank.

On Friday, December 21, officers will be at Todd's Independent in Haliburton from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then proceed over to the Haliburton IGA where they will accept donations until 2 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to the 4Cs.

This year officers will be hoping to fill the detachment's new extended cab pickup truck full of groceries.

Proposed bylaw limits number of cats per dwelling to three

by JENN WATT
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the December 13 Minden Hills council meeting.

A draft bylaw to regulate cats in the municipality was presented to council outlining possible restrictions on numbers of cats a person is allowed to have and where the cats are allowed to roam.

Councillors conceded that the bylaw, if passed in the future, would not be enforceable for a variety of reasons, mostly because Minden Hills doesn't have a pound.

"I think that the bylaw is a good start and again it's all in enforcement. There are serious problems out there in the neighbourhoods, not with one or two but with lots of cats and they're in the neighbours' places and soiling all their gardens and their porches and everything else," Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said.

The draft bylaw limits residents to three

cats per dwelling, disallows cats running at large and has a yearly registration fee of \$10 per cat.

The bylaw is still being revised.

Water testing to begin

In January, everyone will receive a note with their water and sewer bills from the township requesting access to their drinking water for lead testing. A new Ministry of the Environment directive has made it mandatory for water providers to test water for lead.

Bob Romberg, environmental and property operations manager, told council there was no reason to think there's lead in anyone's water, but the MOE specified that the township test water anyway.

Water can only be tested with homeowners' consent. The township is looking for 198 samples and testing will cost Minden Hills \$7,500.

Awarding volunteers

In recognition of Gordon A. Monk's achievements, Minden Hills has established an award in his name for volunteerism and citizenship. It will be awarded on an annual basis to those who have lived in Minden Hills for five or more years, are older than 14, and are nominated by a recognized group such as a school or church. Though the logistics are still being worked

out, a timeframe for nominations was established for the late summer months.

New library on horizon

Tendering for the new Minden Hills library branch will begin in January so that work on the 5,000-square-foot building can start in April or May of 2008. The county has provided \$25,000 for interior design consulting and the library board has asked for more money for books as well.

Garbage reduced to one (clear) bag a week

Along with the new clear bag system at all county landfills beginning January 1, 2008, residents will now be permitted only one free bag of garbage per week. The tags currently used in Minden Hills will be accepted until the end of February, 2008.

Councillors had mixed feelings on the one bag rule.

Councillor Barbara Reid thought it was unfair for those who do not visit the landfill weekly, but have one bag of garbage per week.

"I don't think we're going to be putting more garbage in the landfill anyway, regardless of how often you go," Reid said.

But the majority of councillors thought the plan was fine, noting that the tags are expensive to produce and a limit per week limits confusion and waste.

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Invasive plant found in Haliburton County

by JENN WATT
Times staff

A forest-threatening invasive plant species called garlic mustard has been discovered in Haliburton County, forestry bylaw officer James Rogers told county council on Wednesday.

A pilot project to control the weed at a site near Mountain Lake was completed in the summer but Rogers said only about five per cent of it was pulled up by the volunteers from the Ontario Stewardship Rangers.

"It was just a little experimental treatment," Rogers said in an interview. "If it was a small enough area that we could have pulled it all, you'd have to do that for five years in a row because the seeds stay in the soil and it will just keep sprouting for five years." Instead the group tried to control the spread of the garlic mustard at the roadside so that it could not be carried further in the county.

Garlic mustard is dangerous to forests in Haliburton due to its ability to dominate the under storey – pushing out native vegetation and tree seedlings.

"Garlic mustard is the 'purple loosestrife' of woodlands and fencerows. It competes with native wildflowers that also flower in the spring ... stealing light, moisture, nutrients, soil and space. Wildlife and insects that depend on these early plants for food soon disappear," says the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

It originally came from Europe in the 1860s, making its way through the United States until it arrived in Southern Ontario.

Not only is the vegetation at risk from this plant but, according to a study done in 2006 by University of Guelph ecologist John Klironomos, so are hardwood trees.

U of G press release says that Klironomos's study found that the plant "releases chemicals under the soil that are detrimental to the fungi that native trees – including the beloved Canadian maple – depend on for growth and survival."



Garlic mustard was found on one property in Haliburton County this summer. It is an invasive plant species that threatens hardwood trees and natural vegetation.

"Garlic mustard is the 'purple loosestrife' of woodlands ..."

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

The fungi that garlic mustard poisons have a relationship with trees that brings nutrients through the fungi's subterranean networks in exchange for energy from the trees.

To Michael Irvine, vegetation management specialist at the Ministry of Natural Resources, Klironomos's findings are a warning to those just encountering garlic mustard.

"If you're going to have forest renewal most of our

forests, especially in the south, we depend a lot on natural regeneration; a tree drops its seeds and they eventually grow and replace the trees that are removed or that die naturally," Irvine said.

The MNR is now working with Stephen Murphy, a University of Waterloo scientist in the department of Environment and Resource Studies, on further study of the plant.

The study is "looking at some of the basic ecological characteristics that makes garlic mustard so nasty and pernicious and invasive," Murphy said.

It has also found some evidence – though he stressed it is very preliminary – of biological means to control the weed.

"There are several species that came over with the garlic mustard which are native to Europe, which is where garlic mustard is from, and they're mostly things like weevils and beetles, and things along those lines," he said.

"[The insects] did come over [from Europe], but it appears that there weren't enough of them spread around the place in terms of the insects," he said. The study is to be published in the Biological Invasions journal next month.

Currently, garlic mustard is controlled either manually by diligently pulling it at first sight or, if it spreads, with herbicide and burning.

What Rogers wants is for cottagers and residents to be watchful for garlic mustard before it has a chance to gain control in Haliburton's forests.

"My hope is to have both the MNR and the county and any other organizations that might be interested ... to raise the awareness especially amongst cottagers to be on the lookout for stuff because if you catch it on time it can be treated," he said.

"The situation at Mountain Lake is most likely beyond eradication. You can try to limit it and prevent it from spreading but it's very unlikely that we'd be able to eradicate it," he said.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It's a dog's world

MINDEN HILLS has introduced a new bylaw to regulate cats. It's not finalized and councillors admit that it has no teeth, so to speak. The proposed bylaw limits cat owners to three felines per dwelling. It's not clear whether a barn counts as a dwelling or not.

It also restricts cats running "at large."

It was pointed out to council by their bylaw officer that since there is no place to take these fugitive animals like a pound or a shelter, getting owners to pay a fine would likely not work. The municipality is trying to find another municipality to partner with that has these services already.

The bylaw also proposes a cat registration system charging owners \$10 per cat per year.

All of this stemmed from residents in town who are fed up with cats on their properties, pooping in their gardens and doing other cat-like things. Other municipalities have had similar complaints.

There probably is a need for some sort of regulation on pets in town. Without a pound or any sort of restrictions, cats prowling the neighbourhood could become a substantial irritant to homeowners.

But the way the bylaw is proposed now seems excessive.

Dictating how many pets someone can have in her home is an encroachment by the government on the private space of the individual.

Once the cats leave the home and pee on someone's lilac bush, that's another issue – the animal is now on someone else's property. But to tell Minden Hills residents how many cats they can have in their homes is over the top.

It was questionable in the first place to restrict the movement of cats, animals that do not understand boundaries the way dogs do, but to also restrict their numbers is too much.

Luckily for cat owners the bylaw is not yet in effect. It's also pretty much impossible to enforce. But it's the principle of the bylaw – that government can restrict choices one makes in his home – that should be worrisome.

The public gets their say

County council has done the right thing and scheduled two public meetings on library closures for the two municipalities that will experience them firsthand.

By the end of January, both Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East will have met with the decision makers and had the opportunity to express their views on the closure of branches.

At county council on Wednesday, reeve of Dysart et al, Murray Fearrey acknowledged that council had gone too long without a public meeting on the situation and said that council should listen to what residents say at these meetings.

It's enough to make one hopeful.

Let's hope for two robust, inspiring meetings in January to get the public and politicians on the same track.

Jenn Watt



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Watching winter.

Photo by Matt James

TO THE EDITOR

Library provides needed service

To the Editor:

Re: Library closures

We are being told that the proposed reduction of Algonquin Highlands township libraries from two to one would result in improved service. It is very difficult for residents of the Dorset area, who have had a library since early in the century, to understand how losing their library would result in improved service. They can't imagine driving half an hour in each direction to go to a library in Stanhope where there are no other services or stores located.

While the main purpose of a library is to make reading material available, a library is also part of the service core of a community – fire, policing, stores, restaurants and gas stations. It also serves a relatively new communication function – providing internet access.

We typically travel for three months in the year. Tourists like ourselves look to the internet to keep in touch. Tourist information offices, chambers of commerce, and libraries are three of the municipal services that we search out to obtain internet access.

One of the Haliburton mantras is "We need tourism". As tourists we look for wayside parks with a view, water access, toilets, and (bear-proof) garbage containers. We also look for local tourist information, campgrounds, attractions, and internet access. I'm sure that Haliburton would be a more attractive tourist destination if more emphasis were given to these amenities.

Improved signage to direct people to these services is also required. Tourist information offices, libraries, police stations, wayside parks and campgrounds need to be

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My family, after all, could not live with a broken toilet, especially over the Christmas holidays. The handle lever giving out was one thing, but when the float and water flow switch went less than a day later – well, someone had to step up. And since my wife was busy, that left me.

I'm not going to lie to you. Yes, I was afraid. Heck, any man who says he isn't afraid of plumbing is a liar. What's important is that I faced my fears – I looked deep into that soulless ivory bowl and I acted decisively.

Instead of being paralyzed with dread and doubt, which would have been easy, I drove to the hardware store and purchased a new handle. Then, after a highly technical talk with Doug in plumbing, I

procured an extremely complex piece of machinery known as the Leakmaster 1500 – a combination float, flow valve, and ... ah heck, I might as well try to describe the inner workings of the space shuttle. By the way, Doug doesn't just sell these to anyone. In the wrong hands, they are capable of inflicting horrible mayhem.

I won't kid you; it was touch and go for much of the 15-minute operation.

But I kept thinking of my kids. I kept thinking of how disappointed they'd be on

Christmas morning if I didn't do this.

Okay, so now I've touched upon the obligatory Christmas references, but what about the outdoors? This is, after all, an

outdoors column.

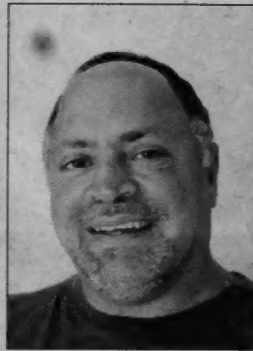
Well, have you ever tried to go potty in an outhouse in this weather? I think you can now see that fixing that humble seat of ivory was the greatest gift of all – give or take a few.

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For just as in that humble manger in Bethlehem a great king was born, upon humble thrones such as these have sat princes and paupers. There, another Christmas refer-

ence, okay?

Perched upon a seat such as this, for a few moments each day – if he's regular – every man can be king. But only if the



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Steve Galea

toilet is functioning as it should.

Otherwise, he's just a janitor having a really bad day.

I know it's easy to forget during this joyous time of year. We're all guilty of taking these things for granted. But let's never forget that the humble toilet is there to remind us that it's better to give than to receive.

I'm not no hero – despite the fact that the preceding statement was a double negative. Why, you ask incredulously? Why, despite all evidence to the contrary, are you not a hero?

Well, because my family deserves all this and so much more. And I'm happy to do it for them. Heck, I can hardly wait to see the look on their faces on Christmas morning – when I finally remove the out of order sign.

Merry Christmas.

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WHEN YOUNG Robicheaux comes crashing through the doors of the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms, he finds Old Delahanty and Mrs. Faraday in a compromising position.

What they are engaged in would be more appropriate for the privacy of Delahanty's own home. They are doing the old fellow's Christmas cards.

Mrs. Faraday, working from a computer printout, is addressing the envelopes. Delahanty is writing a brief note inside each card. And The Brown Dog Jiggs is licking the stamps and anything else that happens to be on the table.

Delahanty has been chewing on gooseberry scones so some of what Jiggs licks up is scone crumbs. When Mrs. Faraday slaps stamps on the envelopes, sometimes they have little bumps under them.

By now, Delahanty has worked his way through brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, ancient uncles and aunts, and he is just starting in on old friends, the first of them the guy who worked at the next desk for 20 years.

Robicheaux has come into the tearoom carrying an armload of new library books, looking for a ride back to Horned Grebe Lake. From there, he will toboggan K.C.

Constantine and Norm Quinn and Mulroney's memoir back to his cabin, which is so deep in the woods on the other side of the lake that only he can find his way there.

The young fellow stands there amazed for long minutes, dripping snow all over the linoleum, studying the pile of sealed envelopes and the little assembly line that produced it. "What are you doing?"

Delahanty just stares at his obtuseness. So do Mrs. Faraday and The Brown Dog and the waitress Gretchen, who just arrived with a fresh pot of fennel-seed tea. Finally a light comes on in the young fellow's eyes. "Isn't it a little late to mail cards?"

"Better late than not at all," says Mrs. Faraday. "At least this way people will begin to hope he still remembers them, even if the cards get there before Christmas."



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

The old couple had a knock-down, drag-out about the cards the night before. "I don't send cards," the old fellow kept saying. "They're a scam perpetrated on the gullible by greeting card companies. People don't need a card to know I'm thinking about them."

"How would they know that?" Mrs. Faraday said.

"You're up here in

the woods and they're down there in the city or back home on the farm and they don't hear from you for years at a time."

"I've taken care of that," the old fellow answered. "There's a piece of paper in my wallet with a list of people who should be called if anything happens to me."

"So you're going to wait until you're dead to tell people you care about them," she said, and Delahanty knew right then he was euchred. This morning they bought cards at Trebblethwaite's Drug Store and now they are hurrying to get them ready for the afternoon mail.

Gretchen, who just brought a mug of hot cider for the old fellow, looks over his shoulder at a card showing a rabbit giving up its carrot lunch so that a snowman can have a nose.

"That's very sweet," she says.

Delahanty looks almost bashful. "I sent three of them to little boys I know. Cards are no big deal for grownups, but when you're four years old, every piece of mail you get is a treasure. It makes you feel like a real person."

"Better be careful," says Gretchen. "You're on a slippery slope. First, it's Christmas cards and then it'll be telephone calls and next thing you know you will be visiting old friends."

Mrs. Faraday smiles. "And then, after a while, people will start thinking you're a real person, too. At least, I will."

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Internet is big draw

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shown on area maps. In Nova Scotia, blue @ signs are posted everywhere that internet access is available.

In short, I believe that libraries should be a part of a total community communication package with local roots, serving both the residents and tourists. This would indeed represent "improved service".

**Ted Koehler
Dorset**

A long walk to school

Letter to the Editor:

The article on Mrs. Bette Herlihey's early teaching days as featured in the Dec. 5 issue was most interesting.

Even more interesting is the story of how each present day educated senior got an education before the days of school buses.

Most of us boarded, sometimes very far from home, with a family relative or friend. Quite an expense! Those who did were either very ambitious or able to afford to do this.

Mrs. Celia Brown of Lochlin drove a horse and buggy from her father's farm into Bobcaygeon every day. She left the school at noon to give the horse his hay. Later she and a friend lived in a rented room, with supplies taken from home each week. The late David Irwin bicycled from Carnarvon to Minden in good weather.

But our late beloved grande dame of Minden walked from the farm for nearly an hour to go to public school. When it was time for high school, she walked another two miles to catch a train to the nearest town

with a high school. She they reversed the journey at night. Leaving home around 7 a.m. and returning about 7 p.m. made a long day. Certainly her ability to walk came from early childhood.

No one wants those days back but maybe it is obvious why some of those same walkers became healthy nonegarians.

**Sincerely,
Marion Sedgwick
Gelert**

Tournament tests girls' volleyball team

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior girls volleyball team played a five-match exhibition tournament at the Nest on December 12 and came out with an even record of 5-5.

The format saw each of the five teams face each other once in a two-game match. While the tournament doesn't count towards regular season play it did give coaches Andrea Borysiuk and Janice Scheffee an idea of where the team stands.

"We placed third," says Borysiuk. "I thought they played really well. Even the refs commented on their play."

The ladies' first match-up was against Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons whom they tied 1-1. Then they played



Missy Rowley goes for a kill.



Setter Jessica Pottier readies herself at the net.

against St. Mary's Thunder out of Cobourg, a very strong team. The ladies dropped the first game 16-25 but managed to come back and beat the Thunder in game two 25-14. While the Thunder coaches had benched their star player, which may or may not have had some impact on the win, the ladies looked far more organized in game two and got off to a better start. Power hitter Erin Nicholson thinks that's what earned them the win.

"If we get off to a good start we keep it going," she says.

The Hawks' front line comes with the hard-hitting of Missy Rowley, Brooke Hamilton, Ashleigh Schollig and Nicholson, who each had their fair share of kills. Setting those three up the majority of the time are Meghan Bottum and Jessica Pottier.

Defensively the team is sound and each player showed quickness to react on instinct and adapt and respond in order to save a rally.

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Team is geared for season

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In match number three, the most exciting of the day, the Red Hawks faced the Cobourg East Comets. Though Haliburton was clearly the stronger team the Comets certainly made the ladies earn their win. In game one the Hawks were down 17-20 but came back to win 27-25 and in game two the score tied at 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 before the Red Hawks took the match 30-28.

The Red Hawks' fourth match was a clear example of being over powered by a better team, the Cobourg West Vikings. But it wasn't a talent that lost the game. It was more confidence. The ladies weren't setting up and getting organized in their own half of the court so they'll have to work on remaining calm when facing a tougher opponent.

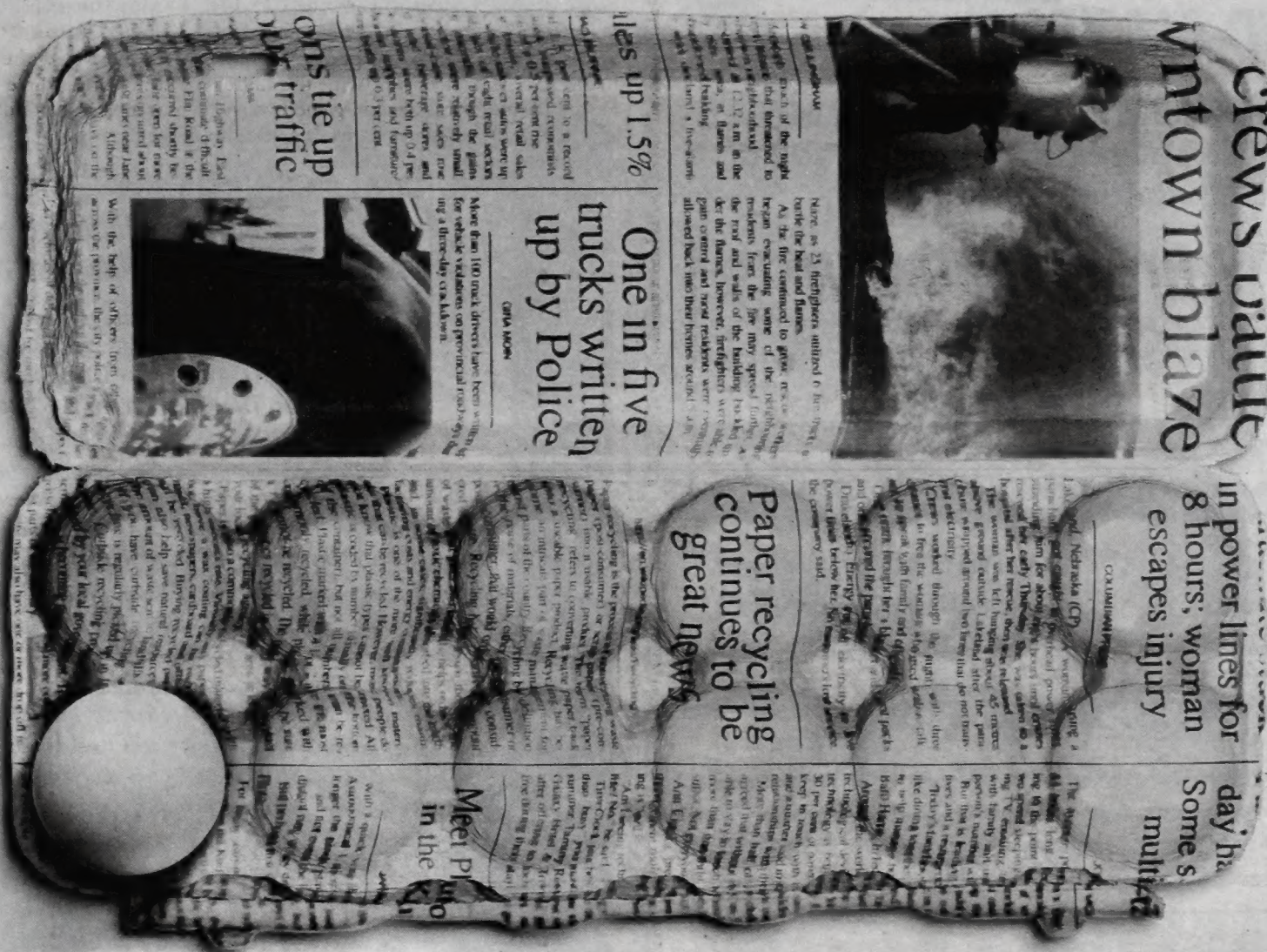
The Red Hawks' final match against Lindsay was split 1-1.

The ladies looked good in the exhibition tournament and they're up for a challenge in the months to come. Last Friday they played another tournament in Fenelon Falls where they came second out of six teams.



The ladies huddle together for a pep talk before each game

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Get the scoop about snow shovelling

While shovelling snow can be good exercise, it can also be hazardous for optimistic shovelers who take on more than they can handle. The City of Kawartha Lakes Emergency Medical Services offers the following tips to help you get a handle on safe shoveling.

Take it easy. Snow shovelling is a weight-lifting exercise that raises your heart rate and blood pressure. Warm up before starting the job and stretch both before and after shovelling.

Derek Brown, acting EMS manager, says, "It's best not to rush the job. Shovel for five minutes or so, and rest for three. Maintain this pace to prevent fatigue and over exertion."

If possible, shovel only fresh snow — it is easier to shovel than wet, packed-down snow.

Push the snow forward rather than lifting it out of the way; pick up only small amounts when needed. Your back will thank you.

As with any lifting activity, use your legs, not your back. Legs should be bent and back straight. Bend and "sit" into the movement, allowing large muscle groups to do most of the work.

Dress as you would for any outdoor activity. Dressing in layers is best. Take extra precautions to keep hands and feet warm.

Never work to the point of exhaustion. Take frequent breaks. If your chest feels tight, stop immediately. Individuals who are relatively inactive should be especially careful. If you have a history of heart trouble, check with your doctor before shovelling.



Jean Wau/TIMES

Politics runs in the family: This is Eleanor Harrison's second term as county warden. Her husband Jim has also served as the head of county council.

County needs to sell itself: warden

from page 1

Harrison spoke of the need to attract commercial enterprises to the area and to expand tourism.

"We need to sell ourselves better and we need to spend money, money we never seem to have," she said.

She also pointed to large municipal projects that need county funding, saying,

"Many projects are too large to be managed and paid for at the lower tier. Is there a better way?"

The warden's term lasts a year. The warden is chosen by and amongst the four reeves and four deputy-reeves who sit on county council.

This is Harrison's second time serving as warden.

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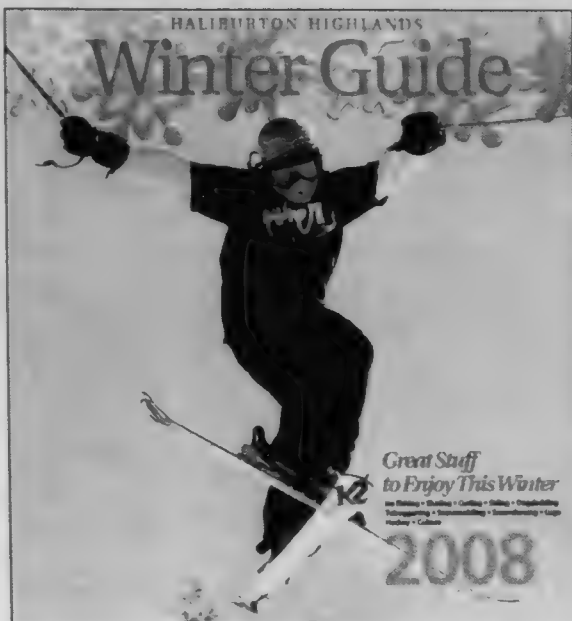
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Golfers pull together for healthcare

Over the summer Dave and Sonia Stevens, owners of the Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden, charged golfers a \$1 deposit for the use of a hand pull cart. Upon returning the cart golfers had the option of leaving the dollar to help support the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. In all roughly \$1,500 was raised and on a sunny Dec. 12, Stevens presented the money to HHHS foundation executive director Dale Walker.



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Unless province comes through, county will have a deficit

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Haliburton County's draft budget for 2008 predicts a small deficit, mostly due to unknown funding from the province, social services costs and a clerical error in the emergency services budget.

Laura Janke, the county treasurer, presented the "worst case scenario" to council on Wednesday.

"I think we will have a deficit. I hope it's closer to \$100,000 or less," Janke said.

She said that the biggest potential hit is if the county doesn't get another \$1.2 million for roads from the province. Last year, the county got a special infrastructure grant for that amount; for 2008 she has not budgeted any roads grants.

The county ran a deficit in 2007, which will be made up for from the reserve funding, but that puts added pressure on this year's budget to replenish those funds.

EMS wages were also over budget in 2007 due to an underestimation.

Pat Kennedy, director of EMS, explained that those numbers don't reflect the work done in the department.

"I'm proud to say we were under budget on everything we had control over; unfortunately the part-time wages makes us look bad," Kennedy said to council.

The roads department, which uses 43 per cent of the county's net revenue, is planning a project on County Road 21 by the Delta Pinestone. Over the course of two years it will cost about \$3 million.

"We have just over six kilometres to do and we're trying to phase it over a two or three year period to bring that yearly spending more in line. We're still waiting for a detailed assessment on that road," said Doug Ray, director of public works.

Janke reminded everyone that her preliminary budget was "worst case scenario" and that any funding coming from the province could turn everything around.

"If we get some provincial funding, this is a good news budget," Janke said.

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Greetings from Denmark

Marcus Hewitt discovers a fascinating country, rich in culture and landscape

by **MARCUS HEWITT**
Rotary Exchange Student

Jeg har boet i Danmark for fire måneder. (I have lived in Denmark for four months).

I am living in Jutland, the peninsula province of Denmark that is connected to Germany. Denmark consists of a peninsula and hundreds of islands, including Greenland and the Faeroe Islands. Jutland is considered to be the 'countryside' of Denmark, and I am living right in the centre of it. It offers very beautiful scenery of rolling hills, vast open fields, and windmills everywhere you look. I currently live a few kilometres out of the nearest town that is about the same size as the one that I live at home (5,000 people).

I have been extremely fortunate to live with a caring, and generous host family. My host dad, Olav, is a network administrator for a large and international toilet-seat company, and my host mom, Susie, is a daycare manager. Susie's daughter is currently on a Rotary exchange to Indianapolis. I met her for a week before she left. It has been a neat experience to be a student who has left his family, and to stay with a family that has lost their daughter - it is almost as if I have the opportunity to see both sides of the exchange. Susie also has two other children of her own, and Olav has two of his own children. And, finally, together they have little Oskar. I felt he was my best friend for my first couple weeks on my exchange and I have learned so much from him. He is a very curious child, and in the beginning when Susie would explain things to me in English, Oskar would force her to say it in Danish. I have become so attached to the idea of having them as a family that it will be upsetting to have to leave them for my next host family.

The school systems are slightly different from Canada. There is a school similar to a daycare for children three to six. At age seven, they start elementary school, going into grade one, which means that they are in school one year after us. The students do not begin to receive grades until they are in their last year at elementary. This means that for all of elementary school, there is more of a focus on

developing all of the learning skills, like working independently, or in groups, participation, work ethic, etc., and less of a focus on actually 'making the grade.'

After elementary school, students have two choices: go to a boarding school or straight to their school of choice. If they go to the boarding school, which most do, then they will spend a year living away from home with other students, at a school that specializes on certain interests. For some, there is a stronger musical influence, and for others an athletic one. After this year, they will then proceed to their school of choice. There is something similar to an apprenticeship program school, where students can learn trades and have work experience, but without pay. Another option, if students are interested in economics, and plan on working in smaller businesses, is a business high school that has a stronger focus on mathematics and other subjects that would assist them with this direction. And finally, for those who either are not completely sure, or want to receive a rounder education, they can attend a Gymnasium, which is where I currently study.

Gymnasiums is much different than a high school. Mine has a student population of 300 and accepts students living within a 20 kilometre radius. Each student is placed in one class that specializes in a certain subject group, but have different teachers for each subject. The class will study together for probably their entire stay at the Gymnasium. I am enrolled in the society class, which means I have subjects like political science, history, biology, religion, and languages. The exchange student from Venezuela is in a class that focuses more on math subjects. There are minor exceptions that can be made to have one or two classes separate from your 'regular class.'

The classes are long (around 105 minutes), but they view school strictly as a place for learning. Breaks are kept to a minimum (from 10 to 20 minutes), but this allows school to be finished school earlier. I enjoy having a school set up in this way because it is very easy to makes friends by seeing the same group of people every day, and shorter school days allow for more recreational activities to do with them outside of school.

Being an exchange student in Denmark also means learning to speak Danish. Because almost everyone in Denmark can speak English very well, I was afraid that I would not have the opportunity to learn Danish, which would keep me from being able to completely immerse myself in the culture. But I am very surprised at the kindness of everyone to allow me to practise Danish with them without having to ask for it. While a lot of them can speak English, most are self-conscious and prefer to speak in Danish.

Almost every exchange student in Denmark attends a language school weekly to help them to learn language. Learning a new language is not an easy task, and is very frustrating, but every day as I progress more, I can honestly say that it is rewarding. A local Rotarian has volunteered to provide me with lessons once a week.

There are not many large differences between Canada and Denmark, which has made the transition of moving to a different country simple. There are, however, many subtle differences that make this experience of Denmark



Minden teenager Marcus Hewitt has been made to feel very much at home in Jutland.

entirely unique at the same time. The largest difference is the importance of living a healthier lifestyle. While it is possible to find McDonalds and Burger King here, that is about the extent of familiar fast food restaurants. Artificial flavoring gives way to all natural foods, and I find that they are much more resourceful.

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Danes embrace a much healthier lifestyle

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Almost every family I know has their own garden, and a lot of what I eat is made from scratch in the oven. In fact, there are many families who hide their microwaves in the laundry room, and use it only for microwaved popcorn.

Another large difference is the size of the country and the special differences between locations of cities. At home, one can drive on County Road 21 from Minden to Haliburton and never pass through towns in between. Here in Denmark, this is about the same distance from my home to school and I have lost count of how many smaller towns we pass through - at least five.

There are many advantages to this, too, especially from the perspective of an exchange student. One is the ability to travel to see many sights in much less time than it would take you in a large country like Canada. For instance, one can drive through the entire country, from the most northern point of Jutland to the furthest east point in Copenhagen, in about five to six hours. It is unlikely to find someone who is capable of driving through all of Canada in five to six hours - or even days.

I have taken many trips with my family, and also some independent travel. The first one was to a cottage on the Western Coast on the Atlantic Ocean during Thanksgiving weekend in Canada, although we do not celebrate it here. I spent the weekend with my entire host family and it was very Hyggelig (warm, cozy, friendly and fun).

We went swimming in the ocean, which was freezing at the time, and visited many different harbours. I also saw the first windmill that was built in Denmark for energy, and one of the original creators.

The next vacation was to neighbours' family on an island called Aeroe. It was my first time using the ferry as a form of transportation. The streets had that beautiful, authentic European look with many buildings dating back 300 years. There I saw the three largest windmills in all of Denmark, and the largest solar energy plant in the world.

I was also fortunate enough to visit Copenhagen, the Canadian embassy, and an old exchange friend. Last year in my Rotary district, there was a guy on exchange from Denmark living in Peterborough named Johan. I was able to meet him in Copenhagen, and he gave me an extensive tour of the city in one day. I saw many sites such as the Little Mermaid statue, Hans Christian Anderson's home, the Queen's palace, and the changing of the guards.

Another advantage to being an exchange student in a small country is the experience that all of the exchange students can share together. There are approximately 160 Rotary exchange students from all over the world (China, India, South Africa, Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, Canada, USA, Lithuania and many more). And because of a small land mass, it makes it very practical for all of us to meet at the same time. There are few countries where this could happen. I feel that some of my best times are spent with other exchange students. We



Marcus says it will be able to leave his first host family: Dad Olav, a network administrator for a large and international toilet-seat company; mom, Susie, a daycare manager; and brother Oskar, who insists that everyone speak to Marcus in Danish.

have all developed so many close friendships with people from all over the world, and it is exciting to see this happen. Here 160 people come from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities and more

diversity, but we all share the experience of living in this foreign country for one year, and that one foundation is all that needs to be present when connecting with each other.



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ASES celebrates Christmas



Photos by Greg Hoekstra

Archie Stouffer Elementary School held its annual Christmas fun night last Thursday, with plenty of crafts, games, prizes and baked goodies for parents and students alike.

Above, a large crowd gathered in the school's main foyer near the end of the evening as organizers announced the raffle winners and handed out prizes.

At right, Grade 3 student Evelyn Woof, 8, concentrates while cutting out a Christmas star.

More photos on page 15.

Dear Santa

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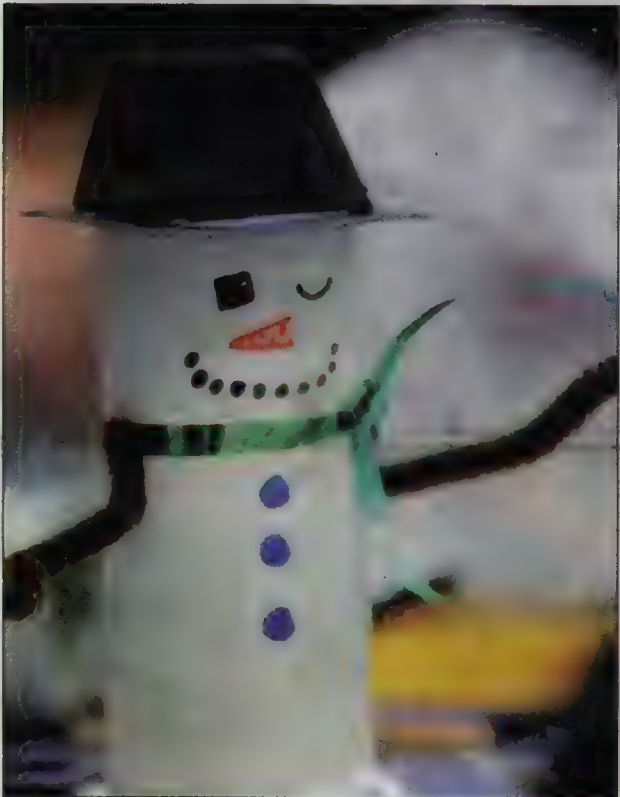


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Left: Three-year-old Ava Smith holds out a string of paper snowmen.

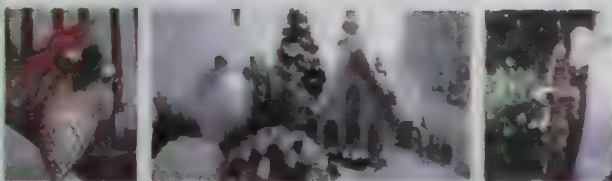
Bottom left: Another creative craft made in one of the evening's workshops.

Bottom right: Future ASES student Nathan Wheeler, 3, enjoys an ice cream cone beneath the Christmas tree.



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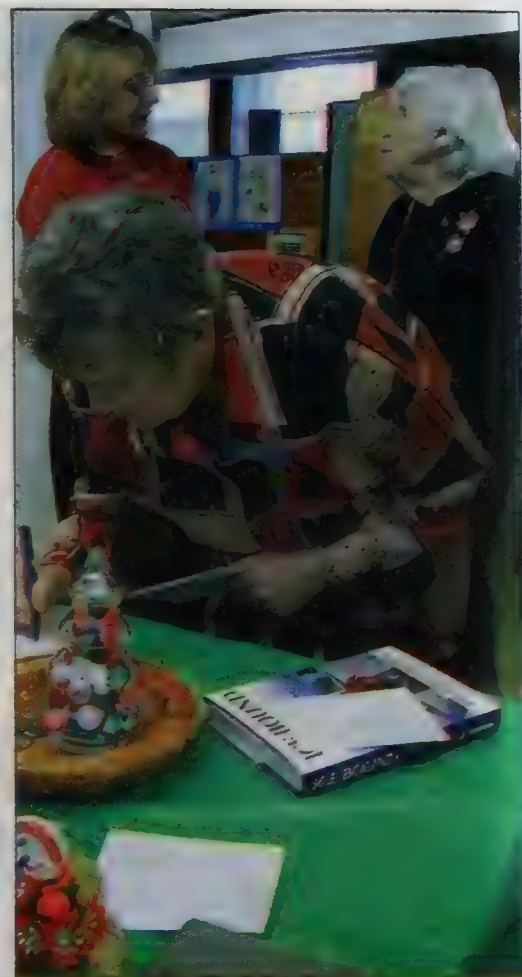
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Chatter, laughter and good Christmas cheer bounced around the walls of the Minden united church as the Women's Institution of Minden host their Christmas luncheon on Dec 12. The ladies bid on items in a silent auction, took a stab at guessing how many Hershey kisses were in the Christmas tree and enjoyed a potluck lunch—but not before the group said grace. Above, Maxine Snell fills her plate from a smorgasbord of food.



Del Gunn guesses how many kisses are in the tree.



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County plans its own meetings on library closures

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Two public meetings on the future of libraries across the county will be held in January, after library board chair and Minden Hills deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch brought a motion to that effect to county council on Wednesday.

There will be an evening meeting for Highlands East at the Lloyd Watson Centre on January 29 and one for Algonquin Highlands on January 30 at the Frost Centre.

"We look forward to seeing a lot of people out on those two nights," Murdoch said at the meeting.

Residents of both municipalities were

upset that library closures had been announced without any public consultation.

County council passed a motion in August stating that each municipality would have only one library branch each. Algonquin Highlands currently has two and Highlands East has four.

"I think in hindsight, and I'll take some responsibility for this, we haven't had any public meetings since 2002.

So, as council, I think it is our intention to go out and explain the rationale for these changes," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said at the meeting.

Dysart and Minden Hills only have one branch each and are both planning to expand the size of their branches.

Jan McDonald, of the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation, attended the county council meeting along with Rob Walisser. They are both from Dorset and actively campaigning to keep all library branches open.

McDonald had planned a public forum on the closures for Algonquin Highlands out of frustration that the county hadn't planned any.

She said that despite the county meetings, the previously planned meeting will be held anyway.

"I can't say I wasn't disappointed," McDonald said of the council decision to hold a public meeting two weeks after her group. They had asked council to combine the two meetings since considerable effort

had already gone into the planning of the Cooperative's meeting.

"We're not going to disinvite people [from our meeting] ... we're supportive of the public process," McDonald said.

Her group is going to compile the findings from the previously planned forum that will take place on January 14 at 7 p.m. at the Frost Centre and present it two weeks later at the county forum.

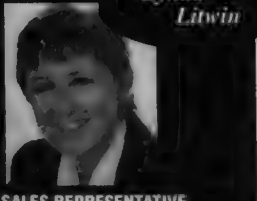
Murdoch said at the meeting that the library board could not be ready for McDonald's meeting, since they are planning a thorough presentation with all the facts and figures from the county's eight libraries.



Healthcare's in the driver's seat

The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers held their annual Christmas party at the Red Umbrella Inn last week and came bearing gifts for the Haliburton Highlands Health

Services Foundation. Above, members of the club, including President Bob Patton (fourth from left) present Dale Walker and Peter Oyler of the HHHSF with a cheque for \$1,000. Walker says the group of classic car enthusiasts has historically made a donation at Christmas time. Last week's donation brings the grand total to \$6,000.



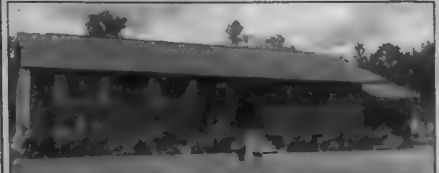
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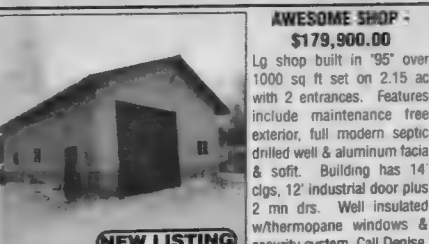
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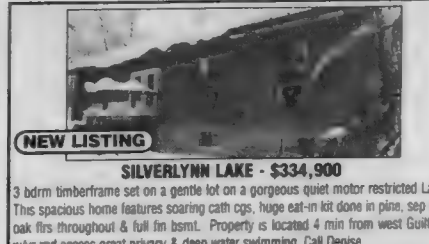
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Jimmy Flynn brings his show to Minden on January 26 at the Community Centre.

Jimmy Flynn brings good cheer

Jimmy Flynn has been entertaining audiences with his high-energy blend of side-splitting comedy and popular music for over 30 years. Now, he is so closely identified with having a good time that he is known as Canada's Ambassador of Good Cheer.

On January 26, in his trademark red checkered shirt, yellow sou'wester and rubber boots, he'll be hitting the Minden stage like a storm. In fact, you might want your own hat and boots, because in a matter of seconds, you'll be caught in a flash flood of jokes and music. The only time you won't be laughing is when you're singing along with him and the rest of the audience. Nobody sits still when Jimmy is on stage.

People relate to Jimmy Flynn. His ability to find the humour in everyday situations causes people to laugh at themselves. He helps break down the walls people sometimes build. It's not unusual for him to have the chairman of the board singing arm in arm with the shop steward. This interaction between a performer and his audience is a rare talent.

With his wide range of material, Jimmy can play to any audience. Whether it's for a convention of 200 or a festival of 30,000, there is something for everyone at a Jimmy Flynn Show. His range of humour and wide variety of musical offerings has him return-

ing to many places for repeat performances.

There will always be something new at the next Jimmy Flynn Show.

His live shows are only one aspect of his highly successful career. Jimmy became a popular radio and television personality during the early 1990s.

To date, he has produced and broadcast over 300 radio shows, a 13-week television series, three feature length videos which have gone double and triple platinum, seven gold CDs, a Christmas recording for children and a four-time best selling joke book. He has been a spokesperson for companies such as the Pizza Delight Corporation of Canada, Walker Muffler International and Labatt Breweries.

Still, he is most at home on stage interacting with his audience. People can relate to him. They let their hair down and really enjoy themselves. And no crowd is too tough. He once played to 300 Germans who didn't speak a word of English, and still received a standing ovation!

Jimmy Flynn is playing at the Minden Community Centre on Saturday, January 26. Admission is \$25 for the show or \$35 for dinner & show. Age of Majority required. Tickets are available at the Minden Arena and the Township Office.

For more information on Jimmy, check his website at www.jimmyflynn.com.

Parade or not, there's a special warmth in Kinmount



AROUND THE TOWN

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According to Toronto television, Sunday's heavy snowfall in the city was second only to that of December 1944, some 63 years ago. I remember it well. Dad was still away overseas but, under mother's watchful eye, the three of us made tunnels through the high walls of snow and built snowmen families on the lawn.

Thank you to everyone connected with the Kinmount Santa Claus Parade for all their efforts on our behalf preparing for this annual event. While the severe weather and hazardous driving conditions meant that the Parade could not be held, that special warmth of community spirit remains truly "weatherproof" and much appreciated.

Remember there is still time to share in that community spirit by placing a new, unwrapped toy and non-perishable food items under the Angel Trees in several locations around town.

For that special person on your list who would enjoy receiving a locally handcrafted gift the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, in the lower level of the Community Centre, will be open daily until Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for tax free shopping. To confirm these hours give me a call at 488-2938.

Ring in the New Year while dancing the night away on Monday, December 31 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Kinmount with D.J. Tommy Williamson. The party starts at 9 p.m. with door prizes, spot dances and party favours plus a complimentary light luncheon included. Tickets are available in the clubroom at a cost of \$15/person or \$25/couple and for more information please call 488-3462 after 4 p.m. weekdays and 2 p.m. weekends.

The City of Kawartha Environmental Advisory Committee is seeking nominations on behalf of Council for the third annual Environmental Hero of the Year award. Nominations must be received by January 18 and forms can be obtained from your local Service Centre, from the city web site or by telephoning 705-324-9411 ext. 246. In 2007 local resident Vic Orr was recognized for his leadership role in helping the environment by his active participation in the Kawartha Field Naturalists and his instrumental role in the expansion, development and then ongoing stewardship of the Altberg Wildlife

Sanctuary Nature Reserve.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

As a general guide these events will not be held on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. If not sure give your convener a call about holiday schedule changes.

December 11 euchre at Lochlin: High scores were recorded by Don Hicks and Emily Harvie with Joyce Schellenberg and Eleanor Young taking the lows. Don Curry won for lone hands while Kevin Maloney took home the special prize. Barb Carpenter reminds that this event will be held next on January 8, 2008 and wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December 11 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Pearl Cowen reports that the team of Marj Hamilton and Alf Briscoe were tops at 272 with Joan Meadows and John Platt second at 232. In third spot was George Hamilton playing solo while Joan Meadows and Moe Briscoe had the afternoon's low with a respectable 192.

December 11 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Slams by Margo Davidson and Edith Kolarek and Harold Cox partnered with Kelly Metcalf. Leading the scoring was Liv Andersen at 6130 followed by Harold Cox 5820, Ev Morgan 5670 and Margo Davidson 5270. The lucky draw winner was Pearl Foster, Betty Dicker took home the Shiny Penny while Liv Andersen received the H.C. Award for having the same spelling of her surname as Hans Christian.

December 12 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders at 61% were Harold Cox and Bruce Armstrong with Reet Murray and Bill Sandford next at 53%. In East/West the honours went to Margo and Tom Davidson at 63% then Joan Galley and Norma Crewson at 53%.

December 12 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots landed on our reporter Gala Stamp, Rob Evans, Don Burch, Helen Henderson, Garth Windsor and Leroy Mowat. Topping the pinks was Margaret Fletcher at 275 then Sharon Evans 272 and Lottie Ruttan 230 while Bill Milford came first for the whites at 278 with Yette Izzard second at 272 then Tom McCartney at 263.

December 13 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Hazel Dorman and Jim Bradbury while Gala Stamp and Lloyd Watson led the high scoring. The evening's lows were tallied up by our reporter May Bradbury and Jesse Barlow. Other prizes were claimed by Verna McDonald, Margaret Fletcher, Kay Orr and Hazel Dorman with Maria Tschida, Gwen Cox, Lloyd Watson

and Eileen Shapiera winning the Christmas Draws.

December 14 bid euchre at Club 35: Leading the pinks was Colleen Davison at 289 with Betty Wagar second at 266 and Jean Randell 188 third. First for the white cards was Chris Clarke at 270 then Fred Gregory 265 and Cliff Davison 243 with Barb Gamble holding the hidden score. Thanks to Mary Pearson for her update.

December 14 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system in top spot was the duo of Bruce Armstrong and Harold Cox at 59% then Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Davies a close second at 58%. Tied for third at 56% were Margo Davidson and Diana Spicer and Joan Davies teamed with Judy Neimann.

December 15 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Elva Paisley, Albert Foster, Margaret Fletcher, Helen Henderson and Tom Grix [2]. In the spirit of good cheer there were special fun categories with novelty prizes. Gala Stamp trusts that everyone enjoyed the Christmas party and the gifts and would like to thank everyone for her gift.

December 17 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Emily Harvie led the high scores with Marcy Morgan second high and Verna McDonald third. Pauline Franzen took the special prize while Marjorie Paradis and Emily Harvie had moonshots. Cards will start again on Monday, January 7th.

December 17 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Kay Orr and Pearl Cowen with Alf Briscoe and Gala Stamp setting the high scores and Bill Mosley

the low. Regular draw winners were Pearl Cowen and Gwen Cox who also won a Christmas draw along with Joyce Ritchie, Alf Briscoe, Syd Adamson, Lorna Hicks, Gala Stamp and Bill Mosley. The Friendship Club sends out season's greetings with euchre again on January 7.

December 17 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports a great turnout with Albert Foster winning for high hands, Ray St. Pierre for lone hands, Jesse Barlow for low hands and Carol Derbyshire for the regular draw. The Christmas draws went to John Sparks, Verna McDonald and Randy McNabb with Bev Johnson the lucky winner of the special draw. Happy holiday wishes go out to all with euchre again on January 7th.

December 17 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Helen Windsor who also won the bologna. High score holders were Clara Miscio and Harry Randell with Linda Voycey and Dave Switzer taking the evening's lows. Thanks to Garth Windsor for his update.

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Mother Nature takes on Ma in snowy dust-up

Writer's mother's plans for family dinner are detoured by Sunday's heavy snowfall

Well I think some people are reading my column. There have been calls about the Community Living lottery tickets and the "Artists Exposed" calendars. There is still time for you to come in and pick them up just in time for Christmas giving.

This is the first year that I have finished all the shopping, wrapped it all up and have time to spare. Nigel and I shopped locally and were successful in finding what we were looking for. What we didn't find - well, we just changed that plan for a new one.

Now I can relax and enjoy the holiday season!

Two of the strongest forces I know are my Ma and Mother Nature. Head to head, I would bet my last dollar on my Ma. We never crossed her when we were younger. We knew who the boss was.

We were supposed to have our Christmas lunch at my Ma's this past Sunday. Every year she tries to accommodate everyone else's plans. At 81 years young she still puts out quite a spread.

Every year she claims it will be her last. We have heard this for at least 15 years. She only says this once because she really

does want to do it. Her condo is small and we are all over the place. Every year I suggest her do it buffet style but every year it is served. My sister-in-law Franca (good-old fashioned Italian lady that she is) helps with all the serving. It makes me tired just thinking about it. Truthfully speaking I do offer but am glad not to.

No, I did not move up here so that I wouldn't be on hand to help. Honest!

Anyways, good old Mother Nature put a wrench in those plans with that nasty way of hers. Ma's mood was a combination of disappointment and not just a little anger at the weather. All that planning and grocery shopping! So maybe this year will be her last.

Here's a Christmas memory to share. (Guess what? It is mine!!)

Last year my daughter Natalie, her daughter Alyssa and I were lucky to get tickets to see the The Rockettes playing at the Hummingbird Centre.



STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson

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My brother John gave us the gift of comfort. He booked a lovely room at the Novotel Hotel just across the street from the show. We ate at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Later we saw this wonderful nostalgic performance.

Live plays have always been a source of joy for me. All segments of the performance

were magnificent but the Nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and the Three Wise Men, amongst other faithful followers in glorious costumes, was incredible. The colours were brilliant.

You can just imagine the audience's surprise when Joseph led Mary in, astride a live donkey in a procession of actors leading real camels and sheep. Afterwards, because of connections, we were able to go back stage and actually touch the animals. If animals could talk! By the end of December they must have been tired of city life.

Back at the hotel we used their pool and hot tub and ended the evening with take-out pizza.

The next day we stopped in at Casa Loma. This grand old castle still amazes me after all these years. My girls saw it when they were small and here we are taking Alyssa to enjoy a timeless experience. There have been changes through the years, a little commercializing here and there, but it still has its old charm.

We even stood in line to see Santa and took some memorable pictures of Alyssa on his lap. Who knows if next year when she is turning nine if she will still want to sit on Santa's lap.

Of course, it's like I said before, believing is better than taking any chances.

Of all Christmases, this is the one that I will always remember and treasure, because it was magical.

This year create memories. Remember to be of good cheer because it will be over before you know it.

Have a great week!

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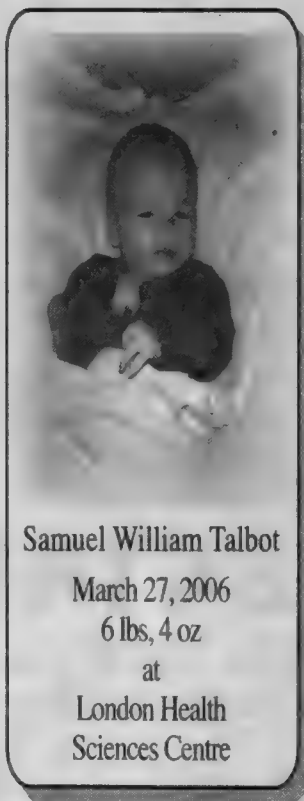
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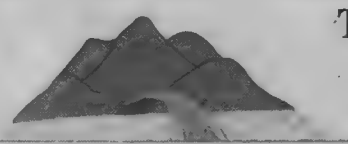
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Sunday's snowfall causes havoc

It was one of the worst single-day snowfalls to hit Ontario in recent history.

Beginning in southern Ontario late Saturday night, a large storm front unleashed heavy snow and ice pellets all the way from Windsor to Ottawa before finally moving eastward late Sunday afternoon.

In most areas of Ontario snow fell at the rate of approximately 4 cm per hour.

Across the province poor visibility and white-outs caused hazardous driving conditions. Ontario Provincial Police say

there were more than 400 collisions reported on Sunday, including 175 in Eastern Ontario from early morning to late afternoon. Environment Canada says the "crippling" blizzard featured a mix of blowing snow, 70 to 80 km/h winds, ice pellets, and freezing rain. Thunder and lightning was even observed

Toronto saw more snow in one day than it typically sees in the entire month. Environment Canada says the storm likely set a new record for a single-day December snowfall in the city.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Class Environmental Assessment
Reconstruction of County Road 21

The County of Haliburton has completed a design study to examine improvements to County Road 21 from the Allsaw Bridge easterly for 6.64km to a point approximately 350 metres west of Peninsula Road.

Based on the results of the study, the proposed improvements include the following:

- Pavement rehabilitation by full depth reclamation with new hot mix overlay
- Replacement of damaged/failed culverts
- Reconstruction of three severely distressed sections of road
- Installation of 1.2 m wide paved shoulders on both sides of County Road 21
- Minor changes to the alignment to improve safety

Drawings depicting the above improvements are available at the offices of the County of Haliburton for review.

This project is being planned under Schedule B in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000). Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of the necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the construction of this project in the spring of 2008.

Interested persons should provide written comments to either the County of Haliburton or the Greer Galloway Group within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be addressed as outlined below.

Mr. Jim Greenwood, P.Eng.
The Greer Galloway Group Inc.
973 Crawford Drive
Peterborough ON K9J 3X1
Tel: 705-743-5780 ext. 255
Fax: 705-743-9592
email: jgreenwood@greergalloway.com

or
Mr. Roy Haig, C.E.T.
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3 Germaine Street
Haliburton ON K0M 2K0
Tel: 705-286-1762
Fax: 705-286-4881
email: rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca

If concerns arise regarding this project which cannot be resolved in discussion with the County, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an Order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of the date of issuance of the Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the County of Haliburton. If no request is received by **January 19, 2008** the Class EA process will be complete and the County may proceed to construction.

Minister of the Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue, 10th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

This notice issued December 12, 2007.

Sweet turnout for the cookie exchange



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
melalfano@hotmail.com

The second annual Dorset cookie exchange on Thursday, December 13 was a great success. Thank you to Lorraine Cyopick for organizing the exchange and providing the wonderful refreshments. Ten ladies participated and each gave away nine dozen cookies (one dozen for each of the other participants). The cookies were amazing and included Italian fig bars, pirogue, chunky peanut butter overload, oatmeal-cranberry-cherry with white chocolate chunks, Chinese, cathedral window, Mayan chocolate sparklers, almond drops and brown sugar shortbread chocolate thumbprints. There are ten lucky Dorset ladies whose Christmas cookie trays are going to be wonderful!

A note from the Dorset Fire Department: "All of us at the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department would like to wish our families, friends, neighbours and acquaintances a merry and safe holiday season and a happy, healthy, prosperous and safe 2008."

The Dorset Heritage Museum would like to remind everyone that the 2008 calendars make a great Christmas gift. New pictures featuring people and places from Dorset's past. Maybe you or a family member is featured this year? They also have a wonderful cookbook called *Heritage Cooking: A collection of recipes from a lifetime*

of cooking. It includes recipes from the kitchens of the first homes in the Muskoka and Haliburton region. This collection by Jennie McLennan occasionally includes a story that relates to the recipe and the wonderful times shared over good food. You can purchase the calendars at the local post office and Dorset TimBr Mart, and the calendars and cookbooks at Robinson's General Store, or contact the Dorset Heritage Museum at 766-0323.

The ladies at Knox United Church will be packing baskets of Christmas goodies for anyone over 80 in the Dorset area. Please phone Stephanie Rabjohn at 766-2207 if you know of anyone who has not been receiving a

"We would like to wish our families, friends, neighbours and acquaintances a merry and safe holiday season and a happy, healthy, prosperous and safe 2008"

DORSET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Christmas basket or anyone who has just reached the magic age (of 80).

Knox United Church will be having a Christmas Eve Service at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 24. Services at Knox United have been held at 9 a.m. this fall but they will change to 9:30 a.m. for January, February and March when the Dwight church closes for the winter months.

The Christmas Eve Service at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 24. The Dorset Recreation Centre (and all Algonquin

Highlands municipal offices) will be closed from Monday, December 24 to Tuesday, January 1, 2008 and will be reopening on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

The Monday evening yoga classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre will be taking a break and will not meet again until January 7, 2008. For more details contact the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

Ski for Life will be offering cross country ski lesson outings at Bondi Village Resort on Thursday and Friday, January 3 and 4. No experience in necessary and equipment is provided. For more information on time, cost and how to register, contact Dan Mahoney, CANSI Level 1 instructor, at skiforlife@execulink.com or 519-842-4652.

The next Tai Chi session will start on Tuesday, January 8 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call 766-9968 for more details.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Annual Dinner and Music Night scheduled for Saturday, January 12 at the Dorset Recreation Centre has been cancelled.

All are invited to a special meeting taking place on Monday, January 14 at the Frost Centre Dining Hall at 7 p.m. to talk about the impending library closure in Algonquin Highlands Township. If you would like to car-pool, meet in the Robinson's General Store parking lot at 6:30 p.m. There will be a public meeting seeking input on the Dorset Ball Diamond Rehabilitation Project on Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome.

Birthday wishes for the week of December 16 to 22 go out to Thomas Kenneth William Keown, Jessica Reilly, Olga Cunningham and Betty Learmonth. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please e-mail me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

HEALTH UNIT HOLIDAY HOURS

The Health Unit office will be closed for the holiday season on: December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1.



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As the new *Minden Times* reporter, Jenn Watt is rediscovering what it's like to live in a small town — and she's liking what's she's finding.

Where community matters

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Between Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, my car and I were pulled out of the snow twice. Once by a stranger named Alan when my tiny vehicle plunged into a snow bank on County Road 121 and then again out of my driveway Monday morning by my neighbours and two strangers passing by.

When I called one of my neighbours Monday night to say thanks, she said it was no problem, and besides, it seemed that there were lots of passersby willing to help. My neighbour is also fairly new to Minden and remarked to me, "I'm starting to get used to people just stopping to help."

After the last 24 hours, I am too.

I came to Minden to get used to this sense of community again. Originally from a small Ontario town, Wiarton, when I finished journalism school in Toronto I was looking for somewhere like my hometown to work. And that's what's brought me here.

I came to this newspaper, not as a stepping-stone to another job, but because I love small towns and I love community reporting. I think it is the most important kind of journalism there is.

Community journalism is a place where the big issues are important, but neigh-

bours still matter. Kids' concerts, food drives and eucbre scores run with equal prominence to uranium mining and library closure stories. It's a forum that still dialogues with citizens — something big newspapers don't do very well anymore.

I've only been here since October, but already Minden feels like home to me.

I've heard here and there around town that there are things this paper isn't doing for the community. There are still things to be improved on, things to report, that would strengthen the ties and connect people more.

There is a long history to this paper and the community it serves that I'm only just beginning to understand as a newcomer. Still, I understand how important having a good local paper is and I want to help make it even better.

I am hoping that readers will help me along with this by letting me know how the paper is doing: what could be done better, what have we missed, what do you think we did right?

I'm reading a book right now that describes a good community paper as the facilitator of a town hall meeting where everyone is free to exchange ideas to find solutions together. That's something I'm striving for with this paper. I hope you'll help me.

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- Dec. 20: Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach — Lloyd Watson Centre. Drop-in & see us every other Thursday at 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks; & guest speakers. Call 457-2989 for info.
- Dec. 22: Blood Donor Clinic — Haliburton Legion, 16 Mountain Street, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 23: Highland Lakes Community Church presents: "Celebrating Christmas In The County," Sun. at 10:30 a.m., at the Minden Hills Community Centre in Minden. All are welcome to attend this family Christmas season event (our very first!) Special musical guests from Halls Lake, Our children's program, Carol singing, a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story & more! Festive goodies & refreshments avail.
- Dec. 23: West Guilford Baptist Church Christmas Programs. 11 a.m. - 12 noon Service of worship featuring a Children's Christmas play. Everyone invited for lunch. Christmas Evening Program, 7 p.m., come enjoy music and readings to reflect the true meaning of Christmas.
- Dec. 24: St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden welcomes everyone to their Christmas Eve services at 7 p.m. and 11p.m. We are delighted to welcome back English bass-baritone Martin Elliott as our guest soloist at both services.
- Jan. 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. For our program we will have a sharing of ideas from various members who have attended workshops outside of our Guild. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. & guests & new members are always welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Feb. 13: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. We will be working on a Sudoku quilt with the meeting starting at 1 p.m. New members welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Mar. 12: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. Our program will be tips & techniques round robin. The general meeting starts at 1 p.m. New members welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Apr. 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. and our visiting speaker will be Renske Helmuth who will do a trunk show. Renske will also do a workshop on the following day. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- May 14: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. This month is our Annual General Meeting, & new members are always welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County. A new picture every day at jackbush.my-expressions.com
- Adult Badminton — Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765.
- Al-Anon Meetings — Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease — "Caring with Confidence" a group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at Community Care at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities — If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting — Looking for a safe place to discuss real life issues without fear of being judged or condemned? Celebrate Recovery is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Contract Bridge — Bid Euchre — Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+) & like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre every Thurs. at 1 p.m. & Cribbage every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

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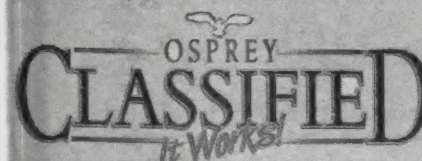
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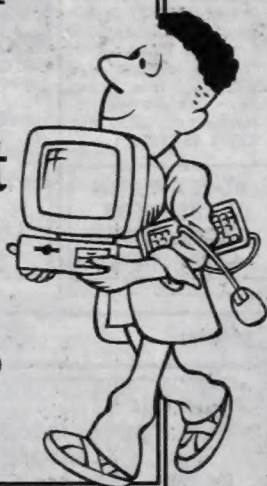
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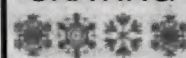
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Visitation & Celebration Of Life

In accordance with Dave's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Private Memorial Service has been held. A Celebration of Dave's life will take place at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, December 27, 2007 from 2 - 4 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, Canadian Diabetes Association or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Harold Andrews

At Haliburton Hospital on Friday morning, December 14, 2007 in his 83rd year. Beloved companion of Isabelle Porath. Former husband of Barbara Andrews. Loving father of Deborah and her husband Ron Vink and Dianne Andrews and her husband John Keast. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Rebecca, Cor, Nicholas, Chad, Katie and Ezra. Predeceased by his son Kyle Andrews (2001). Sadly missed by his many friends and his daughter-in-law Carol Andrews.

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OLDT, Joan Elizabeth - Passed away peacefully at the age of 71.

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Funeral was held on Friday, December 14th at Queensway Baptist Church in Etobicoke. Memorial Service was held on Saturday December 15th at the Gordon Monk Funeral Home in Minden. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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CLARK, Doris Helen (Nee Suddard) - Formerly of Oshawa, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 10, 2007 at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home in Minden, Ontario. In her 91st year.

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UPTON, Murray Edward - Passed away peacefully at the Newmarket Hospital, on Saturday, December 15, 2007. In his 76th year.

Dear father of Merv, (Judy) Arthur (Debbie) Arlene, Ken and Keith. Loving grandfather of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear son of Laura and the late Harold Upton and brother of Lois, Allan, Marlin, Linda, Karl, Bernice and predeceased by Morgan and Bernard. Fondly remembered by Barbara Upton and his many nieces and nephews.

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Gull River: A short distance up from Gull Lake. A delightful 3 bdrm, cottage, 4 pc. bath, w/o master, Canac kitchen, FP airtight, main floor ldr, new roof, freshly painted, level lot, hard sand w/shallow entry, completely winterized & 2 km to Minden. **Call Fred Chapple**



Fred Chapple • Ext 43 • 286-2911



\$84,900

1.15 ac property: Located on a yr. rd. road, less than 10 min. from the amenities of Minden Village & has plenty of space. 2 bdrm, home, huge front deck, perennial gardens, 4 pc. bathroom w/stackable washer & dryer, open kit/DR area, cozy LR w/ laminate wood flooring. **Call Deb Deremo**



Deb Deremo • Ext 239 • 457-1011



\$199,900

Charming Country Home: Situated on 3.65 acres with a mixture of field & forest. The log portion of the home is full of history & charm while the addition provides a modern touch w/high cath, ceiling, new kit, bathroom w/whirlpool type tub & a loft for whatever you have in mind. **Call Vince Duchene**



Vince Duchene • Ext 225 • 457-1011



\$159,900

Located on a year round township road, this three bedroom bungalow sits on five acres of land, and boasts a screened in sunroom and great privacy. Please call Lenor at 286-2911 for further information. **Call Lenor Fulton**



Lenor Fulton • Ext 23 • 286-2911



\$1,350,000

LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG: 5000 PLUS sq ft, 6B/4BA, Post & Beam architectural masterpiece dominates this luscious 65 acre groomed forest with its 5 km of cut trails and offers 180 filtered panoramic views of lake and forest. Deck and dock at lake. Geothermal heating system & 2 dble GARS. **Call Marilyn Hawley**



Marilyn Hawley • Ext 237 • 457-1011



\$199,500

Gull River-Minden Wow! Make sure to check out this spacious waterfront bungalow with western exposure and large back yard. Boating and fishing pleasure await. Large living and dining area with propane fireplace, large renovated bathroom, detached garage. Town services. Price drastically reduced to \$199,500. A must see! **Call Bill Kulas**



Bill Kulas • Ext 44 • 286-2911



\$239,000

SELLERS RE-LOCATING - MOTIVATED TO SELL! Spacious 2 + 1 bdrm brick home w/detached garage, conveniently located between Haliburton & Minden on 1.43 acres w/large pond. Features include 1-4 pc. & 1-3 pc. bath, large country kitchen w/island and pantry, country livingroom w/brick fireplace, hardwood flrs w/large walk-in closet. Fabulous custom wood flooring throughout. Large family room w/wooded. Newer windows, furnace and oil tank. UV system. A MUST SEE! **Call Debra Lambe**



Debra Lambe • Ext 457-1011



\$99,900

MINDEN HOME! Nice little 2 bdr starter or retirement home. Very conveniently located within walking distance to all amenities. Features include a lovely open kitchen/living & dining area and a totally renovated 4 pc bath full partially finished basement w/walkout, town water & sewers. Nice private back yard. **Call Denise Leblanc**



Denise Leblanc • Ext 33 • 286-2911



Building your dream! Live on Gull River, boat to town or Gull Lake from this new 3 bedroom walk-out basement home. Decide your finishing touches! Call for details **Call Lynda Litwin**



Lynda Litwin • Ext 35 • 286-2911

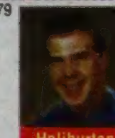


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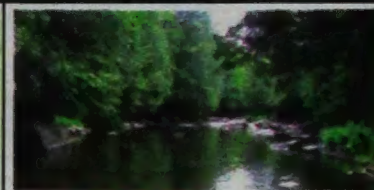
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Newly constructed home: Home on 6.79 ac. lot. Very private and well treed. Features large master ensuite with jacuzzi tub, full unfinished basement. Finish to taste, great location. **Call Erin Nicholls**



Erin Nicholls • Ext 238 • 457-1011



\$139,000

Burnt River - Ritchie Falls Road 30 Acres w/1300 +/- feet of riverfront. Nicely treed with many building spots. 2 sep. deeded 15 acre parcels. **Call Karen Nimigon**



Karen Nimigon • Ext 224 • 457-1011



\$699,000

Horseshoe Lake - Confederation Post & Beam Log Cottage or Home, Lrg Livingroom with Stone Fireplace Accented with Pine Floors, Warm Country Kitchen with Elmira Wood Cookstove, 4 Bdrms, 4 Bathrooms, Full finished Basement, Main Floor Master Bdrm & Laundry! Sand Frontage on a 2 Lake Chain, Minutes to Minden. **Call Marj Hunter & John Parish**



Marj Hunter & John Parish • Ext 226 • 457-1011



South Lake - \$389,000 "Quality" brand home located on 316ft of prime child friendly frontage on South Lake. Sunken livingroom with hardwood floors and propane fireplace. Open concept kitchen and dining area with walkout to private deck. Walkout basement ready to be finished. Large garage for the toys. Priced to sell. **Call Tom & Gail Tempest**



Tom & Gail Tempest • Ext 41 • 286-2911



\$499,900

Income Potential: Highland/York St. commercial bldg. w/over 6000 sq. ft. of space. Inc. 2 commercial units, 4 apts. & large storage area. All 6 units are presently rented, & hydro is separately metered. York Street side takes in a panoramic view over Head Lake, w/parkland. **Call Elizabeth Thompson**



Elizabeth Thompson • Ext 248 • 457-1011



\$115,000

Hunter Creek Estates: Well maintained 1300 sq. ft. 3 bdrm. home, w/o dining room to screened porch - living room, fireplace, hardwood floors, main floor laundry, 16'x24' garage. **Call Ted Vasey**

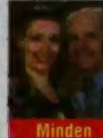


Ted Vasey • Ext 223 • 457-1011



\$179,000

This recently renovated charmer sits on a beautiful lot with fruit trees in the always popular McKayville. Features include: hardwood floors, new carpeting, new bathroom, new kitchen, 3 bedrooms, full basement and a double car garage! **Call Melanie Vigrass & Doug Brown**



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